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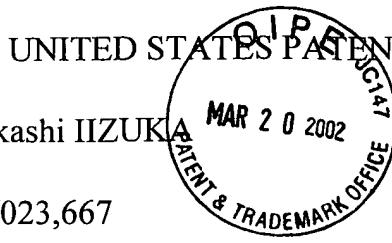
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For : SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner:



Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,115,164 to KAMIKUBO, which issued on September 5, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,124,962 to KAMIKUBO, which issued on September 26, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,178,029 to KAMIKUBO, which issued on January 23, 2001; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,259,547 to KAMIKUBO, which issued on July 10, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present

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application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/026,608 to IIZUKA, entitled "Scanning Optical System", which was filed on December 27, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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